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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: TANTALUM CARBIDE, METHOD :

FOR PRODUCING TANTALUM CARBIDE, TANTALUM CARBIDE WIRING AND TANTALUM CARBIDE

ELECTRODE

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 20, 2009, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group II, Claims 8-15.

Applicants request that the Examiner please consider the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.